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REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed December 8, 2004, the Examiner identified four species as corresponding to: (1) Figures 1 and 2A; (2) Figure 2C; (3) Figure 3; and (4) Figure 4.

Election of Species

While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's identification of the species, Applicant, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 121, elects the Examiner-identified species corresponding to Figures 1 and 2A. To reflect this election, Applicant cancels claims 19, 20, 25-30, 40, 42-44, 76-86 without prejudice.

Request to Reconsider Grouping of Other Species

Applicant notes that Figures 3 and 4 show different embodiments of actuator configurations that can be implemented with various embodiments of positioning systems. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that Figures 3 and 4 be grouped together in the Examineridentified species identification.

Summary

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that this Application is now in a condition ready for examination on the merits. Should there be any impediment to the allowance of this application that could be resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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